

PREPARING FOR WAR.

Japan Is Making Energetic Preparations for Trouble.

CRISIS BETWEEN EMPEROR AND CZAR

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London (By Cable).—The Far Eastern situation continues an enigma to all European observers. Russia's apparent withdrawal or modification of her demands quite fails to restore confidence in an amicable settlement of the problem. It is pointed out with melancholy truth by one English writer that trifling with the Anglo-Russian incident at the Tientsin railway siding will probably cost Great Britain at least £20,000,000 in hard cash.

It was the news of this incident and the possibility of a conflict between Russia and Great Britain, it is now learned, which caused Botha's rejection of General Kitchener's peace terms.

Attention is directed more to Korea than China at the present moment, the belief being general that the crisis between Russia and Japan is really grave.

There is ample information that Japan is making energetic preparations for war.

It may be taken for granted in this connection that Great Britain is fully aware of all that Japan is doing and also of her ultimate plans. The failure of the African peace negotiations may have some effect upon Japan's action.

Five Firemen Injured in Kansas Fire.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special).—A fire in which \$200,000 worth of property was destroyed and five firemen, including Chief Hale, were injured, occurred at the Jacob Dold Packing Company's plant, on Eighth street, near the Kansas line. The fire burned fiercely for three hours, during which time the firemen worked to prevent its spreading to the other buildings, but when the fire was under control the main building was a total wreck.

Hounds Trailing Bank Robbers.

Somerset, O. (Special).—The Sheriff of Perry county and a posse, with a pack of bloodhounds, are in pursuit of a gang of seven robbers who wrecked the State Bank of Somerset, stole \$500, appropriated two heavy rigs, held a posse of citizens at bay, and escaped in the face of a heavy fire. Bonds and securities to the amount of \$30,000 and \$500 in gold coin were overlooked by the bandits. The bank was fully insured and its business will not be interrupted.

Massacre of Gold-Seekers.

Phoenix, Ariz. (Special).—It is reported that a party of gold seekers was massacred by Geronimo Indians on the Island of Tiburon, in the Gulf of California. Two weeks ago six Mexican prospectors left Tepopa, on the west coast of Mexico, in a small boat and went to Tiburon Island. Pedro Parquia, one of the party, has reached the mainland and reported a fierce fight with the Indians. He escaped and believes his companions were killed.

To Admit Hawaiian Chinese.

San Francisco (Special).—Collector of the Port Stratton has received an opinion from Attorney General Griggs affirming the right of Chinese who were citizens of the Hawaiian Islands prior to August 12, 1898, by birth or naturalization, to enter the United States. It was clearly the intent of Congress, the Attorney General is quoted as saying, to throw the cloak of adoption over all who were Hawaiian citizens on the date mentioned in the treaty.

Died From Eating Teaberries.

Hazleton, Pa. (Special).—Rose, a 4-year-old daughter of Augustus and Agnes Billman, of West Hazleton, died as a result of eating teaberries. Two of her sisters were in the woods on Saturday afternoon gathering these berries and when they returned they shared their berries with Rose, who ate a large number of them. Shortly after the child was taken with convulsions. A physician was called in, but could not save the child.

This Robber Was Polite.

Paterson, N. J. (Special).—A robber who entered the residence of the late Vice-President Hobart Sunday night and who departed without any booty on finding the silverware marked, left the following note in a loving cup which had been given to Mrs. Hobart by the Old Ladies' Home Society for charitable work: "I humbly beg your pardon. I do not want to rob good people."

The Cancer Parasite.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—"Cancer is caused by an animal parasite, which we have identified and located in the New York State Cancer Laboratory," said Prof. H. R. Gaylord, of the University of Buffalo, who has charge of the laboratory. A peculiar feature about the parasite is the length of time required to develop a culture, and this, Prof. Gaylord said, accounted for the failure to fully identify it before.

Complaisant Officer's Discomfiture.

Oswego, N. Y. (Special).—The constable J. I. Barnett went to the home of John Barcus to serve a warrant sworn out by John Dardinger, charging Barcus with abducting Dardinger's 17-year-old daughter. Barcus asked permission to go upstairs for a heavier coat. The constable waited downstairs for an hour, and then went up to find that his prisoner had dropped 15 feet out of a window and had escaped.

Bank Failure Affects Whole Town.

Oswego, N. Y. (Special).—The banking firm of W. J. Brewster & Co., of Hannibal, this county, failed with liabilities of \$125,000. The entire village is affected by the failure and many small depositors in Oswego, Wayne and Chautauque counties suffer severely. Among the depositors, it is said, was the State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry.

Paterson Newspaper Plant Burned.

New York (Special).—Fire at Paterson, N. J., destroyed the interior of the building owned and occupied by the Guardian newspaper.

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS.

Domestic.

City Judge Kellogg, of Yonkers, N. Y., discharged Frank Jones, of New York, who had horsewhipped Samuel Walters because the latter had maligned him.

John John S. Mosby says the South will become richer and more powerful than the North, and that the negroes status is bound to improve.

Fire broke out in the fine Commonwealth clubhouse, in Richmond, Va., and the handsome furnishings were deluged with water.

Prince Krapotkin, the Russian exile, delivered a lecture in New York on "Anarchism: Its Philosophy and Ideal."

Frederick Young, of Atlantic City, shot at his wife in Philadelphia, and then shot and wounded his sister-in-law, Benjamin F. Fiery, treasurer of the Martinsburg (W. Va.) Gas Company, died at his home in that city.

Mrs. Mary Welch, of Canastota, N. Y., saturated her clothes with kerosene and set herself on fire.

The Victoria Furnace, at Goshen, Va., was closed down, throwing 100 men out of employment.

Charles Hastings, a dangerous counterfeiter, was caught near Welch, W. Va., after a long chase.

President Warfield, of the Fidelity and Deposit Company, of Maryland, arrived in New York on the Lucania, having been successful in establishing a London branch.

Joseph S. Harris, it is reported, will retire from the presidency of the Reading Railroad Company, and George F. Baer, a director, will succeed him.

Watchman Frank Kelly shot and killed Cornelius Doherty, whom he caught with others trying to get into the Newberry Building in Chicago.

Oscar J. Reed, ex-Governor from Shamokin, Pa., a fugitive from justice, surrendered and began serving his term of four months.

The people of Richmond have determined to rebuild the Hotel Jefferson, which was destroyed by fire.

H. Goldschlager was arrested in Scotland, Pa., on the charge of setting fire to a stock of clothing.

William Wirt Lyons, a great-grandchild of Patrick Henry, died at Lehigh University.

The banking firm of W. J. Brewster & Co., of Hannibal, N. Y., failed.

Roland Reed, the actor, died at the home of his mother-in-law in New York.

J. F. Rawles committed suicide in Newport News, Va.

Three lives were lost in a fire in a New York tenement.

The general committee of the anthracite miners has decided against a strike, and in an address to the miners recommended that "as partial recognition of the organization has been secured, and with the hope that a greater degree of justice will be obtained in the not distant future," work be continued.

David L. Short and Morris Myers were arrested in New York on the charge of being concerned in the alleged forgery of Millionaire Rice's name to the Patrick will.

Samuel B. Wood, clerk of the Circuit Court, in Hampton, Va., was discovered to be \$500 short in his accounts, which, he says, is due to an error on his part.

Mrs. Mary Callahan, of Martinsburg, W. Va., was the fourth member of her family to be carried off by consumption within five years.

There was a panic on the ferryboat Elizabeth, of the Central Railroad of New Jersey, which collided with a steam lighter.

Maurice Barrymore, the well-known actor, was sent to the Bellevue Hospital Insane Pavilion, in New York.

A fire destroyed the Augusta, the principal hotel in Hampton, Va., and several stores in the neighborhood.

Foreign.

The French Government has bestowed upon Captain William E. Horton, U. S. A., a colonial decoration for finding the remains of Baron Dumarais, a French nobleman murdered by Filipinos.

Herbert Gladstone, in an address to his constituents, sharply arraigns the British Government for the war in South Africa and the absence of a clearly defined policy in the East.

Queen Alexandra of Great Britain made a speech in Copenhagen, in reply to an address presented by 500 Danish associations.

The steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm, of the North German Lloyd Line, was launched at the Vulcan Works, at Stettin.

Chancellor von Buelow proposes method to check the continued growth of Polish influences in Germany.

The diary of Major Andre was found by Lord Grey in London among a lot of old family papers.

A despatch from St. Petersburg attributes the delay in the signing of the Russo-Chinese Manchurian treaty to the inactivity of the Chinese Government.

Forty Russian students were kept in solitary confinement for a week for participating in a demonstration. Three students have committed suicide.

The Turkish Sultan, fearful of assassination, ordered the exclusion of all tourists from the Yildiz Palace.

John G. A. Leishman, the new United States Minister at Turkey, presented his credentials to the Sultan.

The law of associations bill finally passed the French Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 303 to 220.

The Japanese troops in the Pe Chi Li Province are to be relieved by a force 50 per cent. stronger.

Mr. Chamberlain stated in the House of Commons that to offer better terms to the Boers would not be magnanimity, but folly. The Cape rebels, as a rule, had been worse than the Boers.

The French attacked the camp of Fodi Kabbas, the old slave trader, at Mandina, in Cambrisa, West Africa.

Count Boni de Castellane withdrew his suit in Paris against M. de Rodays, the editor of the Figaro.

Financial.

The output of coal from Alabama in 1900 was 9,400,000 tons, an increase of about 1,000,000 over 1899.

Rudolph Keppeler has been renominated for a fourth term as president of the New York Stock Exchange.

Several hundred shares of Pennsylvania Steel stock have been deposited since the original time limit expired.

The National Steel Company has elected the following directors: F. S. Wheeler, A. D. Carter and M. C. Wick.

Seats in the Montreal Stock Exchange have advanced to \$18,000.

FUNSTON NOW A BRIGADIER. AGUINALDO TO BE TRIED.

President McKinley Announces the Appointment of the Brave Kansan.

WHEATON MADE A MAJOR GENERAL.

Colonel Smith Also Promoted to be a Brigadier General—A Long List of Appointments and Promotions in the Army that Will Finally Relieve the Suspense of Many Who Have Been on the Anxious Bench.

Washington (Special).—The question of rewarding General Funston for the capture of Aguinaldo was decided by the President at a conference with the Secretary of War. The decision of the President is contained in the following despatch sent to General MacArthur, at Manila:

The following appointments made: Wheaton, Major General; Smith and Funston, Brigadier Generals; the Secretary of War joins me in congratulations to all. Corbin.

The following announcement was made at the White House:

"To be Major General United States Army, Brigadier General Lloyd Wheaton, vice Miles, promoted Lieutenant General, to be Brigadier General in the regular army, Colonel Jacob H. Smith, Seventeenth Infantry, Brigadier General of Volunteers, vice Daggett, retired; Brigadier General Frederick Funston, United States Volunteers, vice Wheaton, promoted."

This announcement was followed later by another giving the appointments decided upon by the President to the Pay Corps, Subsistence Department, Quartermaster General's Department, and the appointments of chaplains.

General Lloyd Wheaton, just promoted to be a major general, was promoted to be a brigadier general only a few weeks ago.

FRAUDS STIR UP MANILA.

Quartermaster, Contractor and Many Others Are Arrested.

Manila (By Cable).—Interest in the capture and fate of Aguinaldo is well-nigh overshadowed in Manila by sensational developments, present and prospective, of frauds in the Commissary Department. How widely these extend has not yet been ascertained, but enough is already known to justify the belief that they are far-reaching.

Capt. Frederick J. Barrows, of the Thirteenth Volunteer Infantry, quartermaster of the Department of Southern Luzon, together with seven commissary sergeants, several civilian clerks, a prominent government contractor, the proprietors of three of the largest bakeries in Manila, a number of storekeepers and other persons have been arrested.

The investigation has scarcely begun; but thousands of sacks of flour, a quantity of bacon and wagon loads of other goods, all bearing government marks, have been found in the possession of unauthorized persons.

It is alleged that the contractor in question, who has been doing a business approximating \$100,000 per month, has spent huge sums in entertaining officers.

A prominent commissary officer is accused of leading a scandalously immoral life.

It is asserted that large quantities of stores have been lost or stolen in transit, and also that there is a shortage in the commissary depot.

New scandals are developed daily. Illicit transactions have been traced back to June, 1900, and it is possible that there are others of earlier date.

The exorbitant tariff on provisions makes the surreptitious sale of commissary supplies immensely profitable.

It is understood that other United States officers may be arrested.

Lieutenant Philip K. Sweet, of the Forty-sixth Volunteer Infantry, is prosecuting the investigation, under the direction of Colonel Wilder, chief of police.

"MOMENTARY SIGNS OF MENTAL DEPRESSION."

Berlin (By Cable).—Emperor William's speeches at the dedication of the new barracks, near the imperial castle, of the Emperor Alexander Grenadier Regiment, are still the sensation of the hour. The Vorwarts vouchers for his sharpest version of His Majesty's speech. The Hamburger Correspondent also says that the version published in the Kreuz Zeitung is much milder than the Emperor's original words. The press is still puzzling over what caused Emperor William recently to indulge in such pessimistic talk, and considers his words to be unwarranted by facts. They point out also that the Emperor's prediction answering a toast Thursday

night, to the effect that Germany would soon have to fight against overwhelming odds, is at variance with all the declarations of Count von Bulow, the imperial chancellor, who presents Germany as surrounded by friends. The Vorwarts is of the opinion that the Emperor's speeches are momentary signs of mental depression occasioned by the Bremen outrage, which the Emperor continues to attribute to a deep laid plan, instead of regarding it as the irresponsible deed of an epileptic. This opinion is systematically strengthened by the conservative press, clippings from which persons of the Emperor's entourage take care regularly to place before him.

Daniel Willard General Manager.

Washington (Special).—Daniel Willard has been appointed general manager of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the vacancy being caused by the resignation of Frederick D. Underwood. Mr. Willard has been assistant general manager, having come to the Baltimore and Ohio from the Soo Line, where he was superintendent. Previously he was connected with the Central of Vermont and the Lake Shore and Michigan. He is considered an expert in railway economies. If he accepts he will be among the youngest general managers in the country, being only 40 years of age.

Representative Bellamy in a Fight.

Wilmingon, N. C. (Special).—As an outcome of the heated municipal campaign, there was a street fight here between Representative John D. Bellamy and City Attorney Iredell Meares. The immediate cause of the difficulty was a written statement by Meares regarding back taxes alleged to be owed the city by Bellamy. Bellamy told Meares that his statement was a lie. Meares responded with a blow and Bellamy defended himself. Both received blows in the face, but neither was badly hurt.

A Military Commission Will Deal With Filipino If He Declares Allegiance.

PRESIDENT DISPOSED TO BE LENIENT.

General MacArthur Will Make No Bargain With Aguinaldo, Giving Him Freedom in Return for Aid in Establishing Recognition of American Sovereignty—Will Be Held for the Present as a Prisoner of War.

Washington (Special).—If Emilio Aguinaldo has violated any of the laws of war and declines to take the oath of allegiance to the United States, he will be tried by a military commission to be appointed by Major General MacArthur.

This is the important feature of instructions sent by Secretary Root to General MacArthur regarding the disposition to be made of the prisoner.

General MacArthur will make no bargain with Aguinaldo, giving him freedom in return for aid in establishing recognition of American sovereignty.

He will inform Aguinaldo that the Government is disposed to deal leniently with him and he will be held for the present as a prisoner of war.

He will be kept under close surveillance, so as not to be able to communicate with his former subordinates to the injury of the United States. He will be allowed, if he desires, to take the oath of allegiance and then to acquit the Filipinos generally with what he has desired.

It was explained that notwithstanding the fact that Aguinaldo was captured, the President holds that his case comes within the scope of the amnesty proclamation issued by General MacArthur last summer, and the enabling act recently passed by the Philippines Commission.

NEW PRESIDENT FOR READING.

George F. Baer, a Member of the Executive Committee.

Philadelphia (Special).—"Announcement during the week of important changes in the management of the Reading Company is expected. Joseph S. Harris will retire from the presidency of the company; George F. Baer, a director of the company and a member of the executive committee, will succeed him."

The proposed change in the presidency of the Reading Company is the result of several recent conferences with Mr. Morgan, who, with the Vanderbilts, is the dominating factor in the affairs of that company.

The Reading Company owns and controls the stock and bonds of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company, the stock of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, and stocks and bonds of various other corporations which go to make up the Reading system."

A Desperate Burglar Killed.

Chicago (Special).—After having been wounded in a previous attempt at burglary a few hours before, Cornelius Doherty, one of four who attempted to break into the Newberry Building, on East Ontario street, met a tragic death while running away from Watchman Frank Kelly, who shot him in the left temple and the left thigh. Kelly had driven away three men earlier in the evening, discovering them as they were climbing the fire-escape. He fired several shots at the fugitives, and one, who fell, regained his feet, is believed to have been Doherty. Shortly after midnight the men returned. Kelly again discovered them, and, as the men ran, fired, killing Doherty.

New War Minister at the Hague.

The Hague (By Cable).—Lieutenant General Kool has been appointed Minister of War in succession to Lieutenant General Glend, whose resignation was announced March 16 in consequence of an antagonistic vote in the Chamber.

Boy Murderer Sentenced.

Union, W. Va. (Special).—In the Circuit Court here the jury in the case of Charlie Crawford, the 14-year-old boy who shot and killed his 16-year-old brother, Frank, on February 11, because he refused to let him have dogs to go hunting found him guilty of voluntary manslaughter, and he was sentenced to the Reformatory School till he is 21 years old. The father of the boys is serving a six-year term in the penitentiary for attempting to murder his brother-in-law, and is also under indictment for forgery.

Zimmerman to Pay the Duke's Debts.

London (By Cable).—The Duke of Manchester appeared in the Bankruptcy Court for public examination, but the case was again adjourned to May 10. It was represented that Mr. Zimmerman, the duke's father-in-law, had just arrived in England and that the Emperor continues to attribute to a deep laid plan, instead of regarding it as the irresponsible deed of an epileptic. This opinion is systematically strengthened by the conservative press, clippings from which persons of the Emperor's entourage take care regularly to place before him.

The War Department will keep 50,000 men in the Philippines until order is restored.

The President has appointed W. A. Rodenburg, of Illinois, a member of the Civil Service Commission, and Frederick I. Allen commissioner of patents.

William Corcoran Eustis has been appointed third secretary to the United States Embassy at London.

Our New Possessions.

In an address to the graduates of the Manila Nautical Academy, General MacArthur predicted a splendid future for Philippine commerce.

General MacArthur approved the findings of a court-martial, which sentenced five Filipino bandits to be hanged and others to be imprisoned.

General Young and staff arrived at San Francisco on the transport Logan, which also brought the Thirty-third and Thirty-fourth Regiments from Manila. Many laborers are leaving Porto Rico for Cuba and the Hawaiian Islands.

LIVE NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Presidential Appointments.

The President just announced that he had made the following appointments: To be delegates to the International Conference of American States, Cyrus Northrop, of Minnesota; Henry C. Davis, of West Virginia; William I. Buchanan, of Iowa; Charles M. Pepper, of the District of Columbia; Volney W. Foster, of Illinois. To be members of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission, John M. Thurston, of Nebraska; Thomas H. Carter, of Montana; William Lindsay, of Kentucky; George W. McBride, of Oregon; Frederick A. Betts, of Connecticut; ex-Congressman John M. Allen, of Mississippi; Martin H. Glynn, of New York; John F. Miller, of Indiana; Philip D. Scott, of Arkansas.

Receipts From Revenue Tax.

The following statement prepared at the Internal Revenue Bureau shows the receipts, by items, from the revenue act only from June 13, 1898, the date on which the act went into effect, to February 28, 1901, cents omitted:

Schedule A (documentary stamps), \$98,420,099; schedule B (property stamps), \$12,784,694; beer, \$89,154,822; special taxes, \$14,026,359; tobacco, \$42,405,859; snuff, \$2,393,275; cigars, \$8,291,608; cigarettes, \$3,547,490; legacies, \$6,889,055; excise tax, \$2,938,823; mixed flour, \$20,609; additional taxes on tobacco and beer, \$98,816. Total, \$281,311,515.

New Official for Venezuela.

Senor Pulido, the Venezuelan Charge d'Affaires, received a cablegram from his Government stating that the constituent assembly had appointed President Castro to be Provisional President of Venezuela. The constituent assembly is framing a constitution for this South American republic. When the presidency changed hands not long ago Castro proclaimed himself President, and this action of the constituent assembly invests him with the full powers of a presidential ruler to the limit of its authority.

May Change Designs of Stamps.

The question of changing the design of the regular issue of postage stamps is under consideration at the Post Office Department. Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden said it was probable that the name of the person will be printed under the head borne on the stamps. Other changes suggested which may receive serious consideration are that the dates of birth and death of the person may be printed under the name, and that the design also bear an inscription giving the year of issue of the particular series of stamps.

Commissioner of Patents' Qualities.

Frederick I. Allen, of Auburn, N. Y., was sworn in Saturday as Commissioner of Patents, succeeding Charles H. Duell, resigned. All the employees of the office were introduced to their new chief and took leave of the outgoing commissioner.

Capital News in General.

The Navy Department received a cablegram from Admiral Remy saying that during a fire in the saloon of the gunboat Petrel, Lieutenant-Commander Jesse M. Roper was suffocated and 22 officers and men prostrated.

Secretary Gage gave his reasons for questioning the expediency of using the growing surplus either to buy government bonds or increasing the deposits in the banks.

The recall of Minister Loomis, our diplomatic representative in Venezuela, is significant, as showing that the government's relations with Venezuela are strained.

President McKinley will make an address and Chauncey Depew will deliver the oration at the unveiling of the Logan statue in Iowa Circle.

Minister Loomis has been recalled to Washington to explain in detail the circumstances connected with the Venezuelan controversy.

President Olcott, of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, signed the contract to build the cruiser Charleston.

The Navy Department was advised of the arrival of the cruiser New York at Tangier.

It is reported from a source, usually correctly informed, that Ambassador Choate will retire from the diplomatic service soon and be succeeded by Postmaster General Smith.

Capt. William B. Gordon, of the Ordnance Department, was appointed professor of natural and experimental philosophy at West Point.

Among the naval appointments made by the President was that of Capt. Edwin M. Shepard to be a rear admiral.

The Secret Service Bureau announced that a cipher courier sent five-dollar silver certificate is in circulation.

Census statistics show a gratifying increase in the manufacturing industries of the District of Columbia.

Charles Momm, first assistant examiner in the Patent Office, committed suicide.

General Stewart Van Vliet, retired, died at his residence in Washington.

Secretary Long cabled to Admiral Rodgers, on the cruiser New York, to proceed to Manila, instead of conveying Consul General Gummare to Mazagan, as there are indications that the Sultan of Morocco will yield to milder measures.

William J. Murtagh, a well-known citizen, died as the result of a stroke of paralysis.

RICHMOND HOTEL FIRE.

The Palatial Jefferson a Prey to the Flames.

SOUTH'S GRATEST CARAVANSARY.

The Greater Portion of the Magnificent Hotel Is In Ruins—No Lives Are Known to Have Been Lost, Although Several People Had Narrow Escapes, and the Guests Were Rescued With Difficulty.

Richmond, Va. (Special).—Richmond Friday night suffered her greatest disaster by fire since the burning of the Spotswood Hotel, on Christmas Eve, 1870. The Jefferson Hotel, the magnificent structure built and furnished by the late Lewis Ginter, at a cost of about \$1,000,000, is in ashes. No lives were lost.

The hotel was constructed of buff brick and granite foundation, and was regarded as semi-fireproof. It burned like tinder. The building covered half a block in the ultrafashionable part of the city, fronting on West Main and Franklin streets.

The flames broke out in the upper part of the Main street side, spread with a tremendous rush, and soon that part of the building was a seething mass of fire. Prompt measures were taken to awaken and alarm the guests, and soon these were rushing through the corridors in mild confusion.

There were in the hotel many fine works of art, including in the Franklin street corner Valentine's marble statue of Jefferson.

Although the hour was late when the fire broke out, an immense crowd was attracted.

The guests who were driven out of the Main street portion and those in the Franklin street part took refuge in the lobbies of the latter, and there the scenes of distress and excitement beggared description.

Several persons were hurt by falling down stairs, etc. One man had his hip broken. No one perished in the flames.

The fire started in the linen room from a defective fuse. Insurance is about \$650,000.

There was in the hotel a party from Montreal, Canada. None of these were hurt, but all lost their baggage. All the surrounding houses are filled with property taken from the hotel. There has been some looting and several arrests have been made.

During the progress of the fire thousands of people gathered in the vicinity, and many women wept as they contemplated the work of destruction. Except for the general confusion there were no startling incidents.

Immediately upon the discovery of the fire, which was eating in to the ceiling of the linen room, the hotel fire apparatus was brought into play, but the hose burst. Attendants then dashed through the building awakening the guests, many of whom were sleeping, and had to be dragged out of bed.